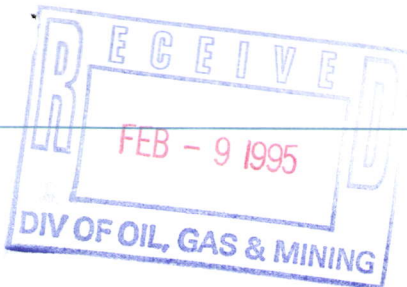


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Kansas City/Denver Bond Department  
7500 College Boulevard, Suite 800  
Overland Park, Kansas 66210

Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 2942  
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66201-1342  
(913) 345-2044 / 1 (800) 255-0454  
Fax: (913) 345-9752 or (913) 345-2048

United States Fire Insurance Company  
The North River Insurance Company

Director  
Utah Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
355 West North Temple  
3 Triad Center, Suite 350  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Director:

RE: Ash Grove Cement Company, Principal  
Mined Land Reclamation Act Surety Bond  
Bond No.:  
Permit Number: M/023/012  
Mine Name: Nielson Sandstone Quarry  
Bond Penal Sum: \$122,300.  
Bond Dated: March 16, 1990

In accordance with the provisions of the bond, United States Fire Insurance Company/Westchester Fire Insurance Company hereby notifies you of the cancellation of the bond described above, such cancellation to be effective ninety (90) days following receipt by you of this notice.

Very truly yours,  
United States Fire Insurance Company  
Westchester Fire Insurance Company

By J. D. Hamlet  
J. D. Hamlet, Attorney-in-Fact

P.S. This cancellation notice is being given at the request of the principal which is in the process of securing replacement surety. The replacement bond should reach you shortly.

P.C. Ash Grove Cement Company  
8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 600  
Overland Park, KS 66225

P.C. Mike Fagan  
Marino & Wolf, Inc.  
Mission Woods, Kansas